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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 ADRIAN SCHOOLCRAFT,  
4 Plaintiff,

Case No:  
10 CV 06005

6 - against -

7 THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ET AL.,

8 Defendants.

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2 NYPD?

3 A. Yeah. That's what I believe it  
4 was. The early invention unit.

5 Q. Where is the early invention  
6 unit located?

7 A. Somewhere in headquarters.

8 Q. What did you tell the police  
9 officer from the early invention unit about  
10 Schoolcraft?

11 A. That I was worried about his --  
12 worried about him, because he -- I had  
13 discovered that at some point while he was  
14 on that -- apparently, while he was on that  
15 leave at some point, that there had been  
16 some kind of incident with his father  
17 upstate, where his father was hospitalized  
18 and that there was a burglary in his  
19 father's residence and there was an urn that  
20 had Officer Schoolcraft's deceased mother or  
21 brother's ashes in it that had been stolen  
22 and that he was trying to locate the people  
23 that did that and it was causing him some  
24 type of mental distress and that kind of  
25 coupled with this weird stuff here, I was

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2 concerned for his wellbeing, how he was  
3 handling the situation. So I wanted some  
4 advice as to what to do.

5 Q. When you're referring to this  
6 stuff here in your prior answer, were you  
7 referring to -- what were you referring to?

8 A. I mean, the bizarre entries in  
9 the memo book and just his behavior calling  
10 the duty captain to his foot post. Kind of  
11 arguing with me about being off post.

12 Q. Hadn't he already received a  
13 failing evaluation by this time, as well?

14 A. You see that's the thing, I  
15 would imagine that that evaluation was  
16 prepared before that. I don't remember  
17 dates when I spoke to this guy at early  
18 invention. It was while he still had his  
19 gun and shield, but at real short -- within  
20 the time I spoke to him, his firearm and his  
21 shield were removed within like a week. So  
22 it was somewhere -- you figure out the  
23 timeframe for me.

24 Q. So it was about a week between  
25 the time that you spoke to the police

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2 officer from early intervention and when  
3 Schoolcraft had his gun and shield removed?

4 A. It was a week or two 'cause I  
5 remember him coming back to the precinct and  
6 that's one of the meetings I had spoken  
7 about earlier and he wouldn't really  
8 elaborate on what had happened, other than  
9 he wasn't modified, but he didn't have his  
10 firearm anymore.

11 Q. Did you provide any other  
12 information to the early intervention unit  
13 about Schoolcraft?

14 A. Yeah, I faxed them a copy of a  
15 newspaper article that I found on the  
16 internet regarding this incident with his  
17 father and the missing ashes.

18 Q. Did you send him anything else?

19 A. I don't think so.

20 Q. Was -- it was a him?

21 A. Yes, it was definitely a him.

22 Q. Did you fill out any forms or  
23 follow any patrol guide procedures with  
24 respect this interaction you had with the  
25 early intervention unit?

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2 That's my recollection. Past that, I'm not  
3 a hundred percent sure.

4 Q. What do you recall about your  
5 discussion with Lauterborn about the request  
6 for a duty captain?

7 A. Just how bizarre and unusual it  
8 was and how it pointed towards the fact that  
9 there was something perhaps not right with  
10 this guy at this point. That we needed to  
11 -- I felt we needed to, at least, have  
12 somebody talk to him on a level that they  
13 could evaluate his psychological wellbeing  
14 to make sure that he was okay. That he  
15 wasn't, for lack of a better term, crazy.

16 Q. Did you have that discussion  
17 with Lauterborn the same day he made his  
18 request?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. The same day that Schoolcraft  
21 made the request for the duty captain?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you recall anything that you  
24 discussed with Lauterborn?

25 A. I don't specifically remember

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the details of the conversation. I do remember the procedure regarding sending an officer to psych services or having a clinician respond -- however, exactly the procedure was written, was discussed and the -- this may have come up also from what I remember. This, being the article, and my concerns about his psychological wellbeing based on what was in the article.

Q. You're referring to Exhibit 126?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall anything else that you discussed with Lauterborn?

A. It was all related to that. About having him evaluated and the memo book entry from when I issued him the CD. Best of my recollection this happened a couple of days -- next day after that whole CD incident. So that also came up cause the unusualness of that entry in the -- in there and some of the other unusual entries that I observed in his book.

Q. Do you discuss with Lauterborn who the duty captain was that day?



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2 A. I don't know.

3 Q. Who was the duty captain that  
4 day?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Did you have any discussion with  
7 anybody else that day about Schoolcraft's  
8 request for the duty captain?

9 A. Other than Lauterborn, my  
10 recollection is also, Sergeant Stukes was  
11 somebody that I spoke to about it.

12 Q. What did you speak to Stukes  
13 about?

14 A. I believe Stukes went to the --  
15 seemed to find out why he was asking for the  
16 duty captain. So the conversation was  
17 regarding that.

18 Q. What do you recall about your  
19 discussion with Stukes?

20 A. Not much. I remember having a  
21 discussion with him about it. And then him  
22 speaking to the captain about it, I believe.  
23 Past that, I don't really remember even  
24 partially about the unusualness about the  
25 request from what I remember.